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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Final Office Action mailed July 23, 2003 rejecting claims 1-36. Applicants note the filing of this Notice preserves the pendency of this application so that Applicants' 1.116

Amendment After Final filed December 23, 2003 may be considered and entered.

A Petition For Third Month Extension Of Time has been filed concurrently to extend to the time for filing this Notice to January 23, 2004. Thus, this Notice is timely filed.

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Our check in the amount of \$165.00 is enclosed to cover the appeal fee for a small entity as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

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